# The Gatekeeper

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# Barony of Unser Hafen

## July 2025

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# Baronial Bite

Unto the fine Barony of Unser Hafen, do We, Kitta and Safiyya, your Unsermoms, send greetings!

We are most excited to travel the lands of our glorious Kingdom to attend Battlemoor and get to see all of your beautiful Unserfaces! Please join Us in welcoming and decorating a new addition to the majesty that is Unser Hafen! We will have a communal hang out tent in Unser Hafen camp while our large BCs are on hiatus for needed repairs. Our hope is to have a comfy space to gather in between all the many amazing activities. So please bring cushions, rugs, banners, lanterns, music, and your joy to help make the Unserhangin' space our home away from home! Please remember that We very much want to support you in your activities, so let Us know what you are up to at Battlemoor so We can witness your talents and joys!

Unser Hafen has been a stalwart servant of the Kingdom through a great many amazing events - Newcomers, Investiture, and Battlemoor. Yet we have one more grand showing with Coronation on July 19-20th in the land of the Bears. Please join Us and see the pageantry and glory of coronation! We will be reaching out for volunteers to help make the day as amazing as the Royals we will be celebrating, so please be sure to sign up so we can lighten the load of all our volunteers.

In service and joy,

Kitta and Safiyya

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# Seneschal's Sentiments

Greetings Unser Hafen!

Here we are, one week from Battlemoor!! There will be something for everyone! Martial, A&S, shopping and great comradery. Come see the elevations of friends and neighbors! And if you still want something to do, Mistress Ursula would love to have your company at Gate.

Two weeks after that, Unser Hafen will be hosting the Summer Coronation. Mistress Kitta and Baroness Safiyya are the Event Stewards. Planning is in progress, and the location will be at UNC Greeley. Pre-registration is open! Volunteers are needed, so please let the Stewards know if you are interested. Information will be posted as it comes along. Please stay tuned!

Our monthly meetings will continue to be virtual, as finding an appropriate and affordable meeting place has become daunting. However, we would like to find a way to meet in person once a quarter on a social level. This will be at some place to eat, drink and talk. Our first social meeting will be August 20th, with the location to be determined. Probably in Loveland. We will let you know.

Upcoming events in July and August that might interest Unser Hafen, include (of course) Battlemoor and Coronation, Pennsic LII, A Day in the Park in Dragonsspine, Arquelle Defender, Caerthe's St. Sebastian's archery event and Enduro on the Nile in Caer Galen.

For more information on these or any other events, details are available on the Outlands and Unser Hafen calendars. In addition, there is an "Unser Hafen at Battlemoor" Facebook page for more information regarding camping and other activities for the Barony.

I hope to see you around the fire in Unser Hafen's Camp.
Until then, I remain yours in service,

Meadhbh

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# Herald's Call

Hello, good folk of Unser Hafen!

you might have heard, I've been deputy herald for the lovely Meister Andreas von Meißen for the last two months now. And as Andreas fully transitions into his role as White Stag, I've stepped into the local office; as of June 18th, I'm now officially your Baronial herald!

I will preemptively thank you all for your patience with me as I adjust to the position, though Andreas has given me some really excellent training! I'd like to continue his tradition of hosting monthly, in-person Barbican office hours, but I've still got to sort out my schedule to figure out exactly when and where this will happen from now on. Therefore, there won't be any office hours planned for July, but I'll be attending both Battlemoor and Summer Coronation if anyone wants to say hi or get some in-person consultation done.

Speaking of Battlemoor… did you know there'll be a lot of fun heraldic activities going on? There'll be a heraldic consultation table set up on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Meistr Llywus ap Alan from the Shire of Bryngolau is hosting an Intro to Heraldry class on Thursday the 3rd from 9-10:30 AM. Also, Andreas is hosting a herald's social & meet-and-greet on Friday the 4th from 4-5 PM, so you'll be able to find me there, too.

Regardless, thanks so much to everyone who's welcomed me into this game of ours! I'm really excited to further serve the Barony as your herald. You can reach me anytime through the herald's email (herald@unserhafen.org), Facebook Messenger (here's a link to my profile), or through Discord (username: *vampirefan135*) for any consultation or any other heraldic requests!

Yours in service,

Hilarion Barbican

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# Scribal Notes

July's **Scribal Night** will be on the third Monday, July 21st, after Coronation! Mistress Anne Elizabeth Morley has offered to reprise her Battlemoor calligraphy classes over

21 July - Merovingian Script: Introduction and Review
*18 August - Possible Open Night OR What Makes a Scribe discussion OR - See Note Below*
15 September - Carolingian Script: Introduction and Review
20 October - Open Night
17 November - Carolingian Illumination
15 December - Yule Party!

As always, dinner will be available at 6pm and project space/class time at 630 pm. If you would like to partake of dinner and have any food restrictions or allergies, please let Regalis know so she can plan accordingly. Or if you would like to provide dinner, volunteers are always appreciated!

**Regarding August's Scribal Night:** I (Regalis) will be out of town and unable to host Scribal Night in August. Please weigh in on if you would like to host or organize a hosting location, or if we should take a summer break and cancel August's Scribal Night. Let me know by the end of July so I can update the various news sources appropriately.

**Assignments for Coronation!** We still have at least one assignment available for Coronation from our Baronesses; please let me know if you would like one.

**Call for Deputies**! The Scribal Office for the Barony of Unser Hafen is in need of Deputies! No artistic skill required for the office. Message Regalis to learn more. You can contact her at scribe@unserhafen.org, via the Book of Faces or Discord, or at any local event.

If there is a topic you would love to see covered at future Scribal Nights, please do not hesitate to share! Please email scribe@unserhafen.org with your ideas!

Yours in Service,
Regalis dei Falchi & Galen FitzThomas

Yours in Service,
Regalis dei Falchi and Galen FitzThomas,
Your Friendly Neighborhood Scribal Team

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# Fighter Practice

**And A&S Gathering**

Sundays
2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Loveland CO 80537

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# Medieval Night

## Locust Cidery

First Monday of every month (usually), but
**Second Monday in July, July 14th**
due to Battlemoor

6-9 pm at Locust Ciderry,
200 Walnut St, Fort Collins.
Map
Free Admission

Join us the first Monday of each month for dancing,
garb making, arts and crafts,and general merriment.

Garb is encouraged but not required.

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# White Rose Inn

The White Rose Inn is on hiatus for the Summer until September 10, when we will start up again with a presentation on "Foods of the Middle Ages".

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# Call for Submissions

**Do you have an article or story that you would like to share with the populace? Send it to chronicler@unserhafen.org and it will be reviewed for inclusion in the Gatekeeper.**

**Do you have something to share with the populace concerning an event or activity that you normally post to Facebook? Please forward that information to webminister@unserhafen.org and chronicler@unserhafen.org as well so that it can be posted using all of our communication.**

**Submissions are due by the 27th of the month (except February, when it is the 24th,) but are accepted at any time.**

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## SCA Video Conversations

**Greetings from Lady Valerie from Unser Hafen! I have a personal request. Would anyone like to have a video conversation with me about your SCA journey and learning endeavors? These would just be an easier, quieter way to get to know other gentles in the Barony. I can't always make it to the events and it would be nice to meet other gentles who I haven't met before. Or have a more in depth conversation with you.**

**They can be recorded or not recorded, per your preference. Thinking about 45 minutes to an hour in length. I used a Zoom like app called, Streamyard that is browser based. I can manage one to two conversations a month with my other obligations.**

**I enjoy learning and would like to talk with other learners. If you are interested, please send me an email at val@valerieflynn.com with the Subject "SCA Video Conversations". Looking forward to talking with you soon!**

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# Media Team

# Voices in the Box Project

our beautiful new website! And all the dedicated webminsters and chroniclers before us who served throughout the years.

If you have bookmarks to the old Wix website, please go to https://unserhafen.outlands.org/ and create new bookmarks for your favorite pages.

If you have questions on where something got moved to, please send me an email at webminister@unserhafen.org .

With the fresh new website, we'd like to introduce a new endeavor of the Media Team, The Voices in the Box project!

What is it? How can you add your voice?

Voices in the Box is a way for gentles to add their story to the online space, whether it be the history of the barony, a bardic contribution or sharing about what you're learning in A&S.

We can record one person a month using our alchemy powers of the aether. Sorry, no editing on this stage is available. Our magic only can do so much. Editing might be available in the future.

If your video wizardry powers are mightier than ours, you're welcome to record and edit your own video to send to the Social Media Officer to post on our YouTube channel and we'll post it on the website too.

Please remember we can't post your video without a media release form. Details will be on the website. And make sure your materials don't violate copyright laws.

We hope to collect a video archives of the lore and legends of our esteemed barony. Exalt our bards and minstrels and learn something new from each others' SCA journeys.

This is where we put the spotlight on you, our marvelous gentles!

Please reach out to us if you have something to share. Whether it be our barony's history, a bardic delight or a helpful thing you learned about. Even a personal story about getting involved in one of the Barony's activities.

Looking forward to hearing your Voices in the Box!

Yours in service,

Lady Valerie and the Media Team

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# Volunteer Opportunities

Get to really know your fellow gentles. Participate instead of just attend. Don't just live the dream. Be one of the ones who make the dream a reality.

Why do we help? Because we care. Because we love the game. Because we know we belong and so do you.

We are the doers, we are the makers, we bear the spirit of the Pelican. And so can you!

Build your renown, your competence, skills, confidence and make more friends who have the same chivalrous and generous heart as you.

Volunteer opportunities range from Event Stewards, Officers and Deputies, PayPal Check-ins, Event Cooks and staff. There are even some openings in the Media Team.

How do you want to join the team? Let us know! There's room at the table for you too!

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# Baronial Goings On

**Armoured and Fencing Practice/ A&S Gathering**
Sundays,2:00 p.m - 5:00 PM
See Fighter Practice section above for location.
We welcome any and all Arts & Sciences activities, and general SCA socializing!
Updates can be found on the Book of Faces.
Garb is encouraged

**Archery Practice**
Outdoor Archery practice will start Saturday, April 5th. Time is from 10 am until noon. Our outdoor location is the Windsor Archery Range at HWY 257 & Poudre Trail Road. (Use “Poudre Trail Road and Colorado 257” in your mapping application.)

**Calligraphy &/or Illumination**
Contact: Regalis dei Falchi
Email:scribe@unserhafen.org

**Craft Day at Aslief's**
Every first Saturday, April through October.
10 am to 6 pm.
1601 Turkey Walk Trail
Loveland, CO 80537
See website for more information and maps.

**Equestrian Practice**
Fourth Sunday of every month.
Contact: Lady Cecelia O'Connor
970-420-6652

**Scribal Night**
Every 3rd Monday at 6:30PM at the home

changes to the schedule.

**Barbican Office Hours**
On hiatus for July.
Time and place to be determined.

(What: Unser Hafen's Herald, Barbican Pursuivant, hosts monthly in-person office hours for anyone interested in any aspect of heraldry to come and speak to him. Interested in researching or submitting your name or heraldry? Want to learn more about heraldic display or what heralds did in period? Want to learn more about what heralds do in the SCA or how the College of Arms works? Interested in becoming a herald? Already a herald and want to practice your conflict-checking, name documentation skills, or OSCAR commentary skills? All these and more are fair game, come on by!)

or virtually - check the Book of Faces for links to the meetings.

For more information contact scribe@unserhafen.org.

## Going on in Sterling

**Medieval Night**
First Saturday of the month at 6:00pm.
High Plains Dice and Games
100 Broadway Street Suite 12
Sterling, CO 80752

**Archery Practice**
First Sunday of the month, noon to 4 pm.
North Sterling State Park Range
24005 Co Rd 330
Sterling, CO 80751
For more details, contact Shelbybrandes1@gmail.com or Alan.e.brandes@gmail.com.

Visit the Website for more info, directions and any changes to the schedule for any of these activities. .

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# Disclaimer

Although the SCA complies with all applicable laws to try to ensure the health and safety of our event participants, we cannot eliminate the risk of exposure to infectious diseases during in-person events. By participating in the in-person events of the SCA, you acknowledge and accept the potential risks. You agree to take any additional steps to protect your own health and safety and those under your control as you believe to be necessary.

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# Upcoming Events

## Battlemoor

July 2 @8 am -- July 6 @ 12 noon
Preregistration is closed.
Sporleder Centennial Ranch
19530 County Road 542
Aguilar, CO 81020
Event Site

## Summer Coronation

July 19th & 20th

Coronation Ceremony
Saturday July 19th 2025, 8am-9pm
UNC University Center BallRoom
2101 10th Ave Rm 201
Greeley, CO 80619

Queen's Tournaments
Sunday July 20th 2025, 9:30am-6pm
UNC Garden Theater / Gunter Hall
1820 10th Ave, Greeley, CO 80631
https://g.co/kgs/VL4J2cQ

Activity Schedule is pending further discussion with Outlands' Royals but please look forward to:

- Dancing
- Games
- Bardic
- A&S displays and/or demos
- Merchants
- Tournaments

Please keep an eye out for details on social media and unserhafen.outlands.org

**Event Stewards**
Countess Kitta Ragnvaldsdottir – mistresskitta@gmail.com
Mistress Safiyya bint Faris al-Dani – baroness.safiyya@unserhafen.org

Event Site

## Pennsic LII

July 25 - August 10
Slippery Rock, PA
Event Site

## A Day in the Park

July 27 @ 11:00 am - 6:00 pm
Bear Creek Regional Park
21st St & Argus Road

A gathering of noble folk, pageantry, and lighthearted sport.
Potluck lunch.

Event Site

### Dragon's Fount of Knowledge

August 9 @ 11 am – 5 pm
Pikes Peak Library District East Library,
5550 N Union Blvd.,
Colorado Springs, CO 80918

Dragon's Fount of Knowledge is event that consists of purely classes with the topics ranging across all of what we do in and for the game. These will range from A&S classes, to martial classes, to even the various forms of service that can be provided. What classes that will be taught will be entirely based on what the teachers themselves desire, and are comfortable and confident enough to teach. The teachers themselves will consist of whoever is willing to teach, regardless of awards, titles, or positions.

Site Fee: Free, but donations are accepted!
Event Site

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Check the Unser Hafen website or The Book of Faces for additional upcoming events and locations.

## Populace Meeting

### Virtual Populace Meeting

The third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm
Join with Google Meet: meet.google.com/fbz-auqx-iqi
Join by phone: +1 929-282-1162 PIN: 667 226 830#

For questions, contact seneschal@unserhafen.org

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# Kingdom Calendar

**Please visit**
**https://www.outlands.org/events**
**for the most up-to-date information.**

# Court of Unser Hafen

Her Excellency
**Baroness Kitta Ragnvaldsdottír**
**baroness@unserhafen.org**

Her Excellency
**Baroness Safiyya bint Faris al Dani**
**baroness@unserhafen.org**

**Court Herald -** Master Don Andreas von Meißen
**Defender -** Lord Primus
**Protector -** THL AgmundrThorolfsson
**Warden -** Lord Alain du Chateau
**Equerry -** Hancarata Aethnen filia Cuneddae
**Arts & Sciences Champion -** Lord Gilbertus
**Pencerdd Bard** - Viðbjǫrn Orðlokarrto
**Heads of Household -** THL Cecilia Caterina de Firenze and Lord Eilifr Breiðskeggr

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# Call for Letters of Intent

Call for Letters of Intent for the position of Chronicler, who creates and distributes this newsletter, using a free MailChimp account. Maintains list of subscribers in MailChimp..Also responsible for any graphics needed using Inkscaoe (free).

### Social Media

Call for Letters of Intent for the position of Social Media, who keeps social media accounts, such as Facebook, up to date with the latests news.

In your letter please include:

- A brief introduction to yourself, including your experience within the SCA and those skills you possess which make you a good candidate.
- Confirmation that you are indeed interested and desirous of the position.
- Optionally, you can provide a listing of awards you have received.
- Your modern name
- Your society/ SCA name.
- Your postal address.
- Your telephone number.
- Your email address.
- A copy of your membership card or membership number.

Officers must maintain SCA membership for the duration of their tenure.

Please send your letter to the following:

- The Unser Hafen Seneschal, Baroness Meadhbh Daingen int Slébh, via seneschal@unserhafen.org
- The Unser Hafen  Baronesses Kitta and Safiyya, via baroness@unserhafen.org

Thank you for volunteering to help run our Barony!

More information can be found at: https://unserhafen.wixsite.com/unserhafen/call-for-officers

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## Baronial Officers

**Seneschal:**
President
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**Knight Marshal:**
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Archery Coordinator

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[Lord Galen FitzThomas}]
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**Chronicler**:
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**Web Administrators**
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**Social Media Officer**
Manages social media accounts such as Facebook
Lady Dagny Innaldi
socialmedia@unserhafen.org

**Marshal of Fence:**
Fencing Coordinator
Don Martin de Cuniga
[Maksym Wilozynski]
fence@unserhafen.org

**Equestrian:**
Coordinates the organization and safety of equestrian activities.
Lady Cecelia O'Connor
equestrian@unserhafen.org

**Chatelaine/ Gold Key:**
Public Relations and Welcome Coordinator
Proviides loaner garb for newcomers
Lord Gilbertus de Messina
[Lady Caírech Liath ingen Alpin]
chatelaine@unserhafen.org

**Quartermaster:**
Coordinates storage, upkeep, and transportation of Baronial property
Looking for a replacement. See Call for Letters
Lord Galen FitzThomas
quartermaster@unserhafen.org

{Deputies are listed in brackets.}

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# Awards and Recognitions

## Hype your friends!

If it takes work, there's probably an award for it.
Information on how and why to recommend someone for an award and instructions on how to do so is available on the website.
A list of Baronial Awards can be found here.
A list of Kingdom Awards is available here.

***Copy/paste versions of embedded website links:***

Wimble Herald

- http://wimble.outlandsheralds.org/index.php

Map to Medieval Night at Gryphon Games and Comics:

- https://www.google.com/maps/place/Gryphon+Games+and+Comics/@40.5518711,-105.0970032,18.33z/data=!4m6!3m5!1s0x87694b0722773bc9:0xfa91cd56d0a6fbe2!8m2!3d40.5517128!4d-105.0974072!16s%2Fg%2F1hc34g714?hl=en&authuser=0

Barony of Unser Hafen website:

- https://unserhafen.org

Barony of Unser Hafen Facebook page:

- https://www.facebook.com/BaronyOfUnserHafen/

Armoured and Fencing Website:

- https://unserhafen.org/rapier-heavy-summer
- Map for Edora Park: https://www.google.com/maps/@40.5648628,-105.0512051,283m/data=!3m1!1e3?entry=ttu

Archery Website:

- https://unserhafen.wixsite.com/unserhafen/archery-summer

Kingdom Calendar:

- https://www.outlands.org/events

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